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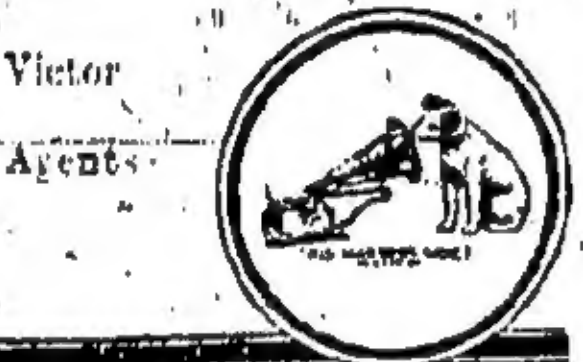
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FALL OF THE FRANC.

PARTY LEADERS DISCUSS SITUATION.

BUDGET TO BE BALANCED.

PARIS, May 21. Political circles are not alarmed over the weakness of the franc which has fallen 13 points to the pound since the general election although it is covered to-day to 78.7. It is stated that the previous intervention of the Banque de France was so profitable as not only to leave British-American credits intact but to build up a strong reserve of sterling and dollars which, however, had since been extensively overdrawn. As the result of a conference between M. Millerand and the leaders of the Left to-day M. M. Herriot and Painleve on behalf of the Left parties have issued a public undertaking to maintain a policy of balancing the Budget. If this announcement does not reassure the market the question of issuing a fresh counter offensive in support of the franc would be considered. Reliable observers attribute the collapse as partly due to the Bloc National bearing the franc and partly to the anxiety of financiers lest the new Government should prove spendthrift.—*Reuter.*

NEWMARKET STAKES.

"ONE OF THE FINEST FINISHES."

HORSES FOR THE DERBY.

LONDON, May 21. The following is the Newmarket Stakes result.

Hurstwood	10-1
Salmon Trout	5-2
San Savino	11-2

Won by a neck and a head dividing second and third.

Also ran: Bright Knight, Despatch, Bucks Yeoman, Eaglestone and Polyphotes.

Bright Knight, the favourite (evens) was fourth, being a short head away.

On settling down Salmon Trout led from San Savino, Hurstwood, and Bright Knight. At the bushes each of these four tried to force their way to the front and as the horses came closer home it was impossible to separate them but a few feet from the post Hurstwood claimed the lead while the other three were locked together as the post was passed. It was one of the finest finishes ever witnessed.—*Reuter.*

UNEMPLOYMENT.

"A PHENOMENAL DECREASE."

MR. SHAW'S CLAIM.

LONDON, May 21. The attack on Mr. Tom Shaw, Minister of Labour on the subject of his Unemployment Insurance Bill opened in the House of Commons to-day with a number of questions demanding what the Government had done to deal with unemployment.

Mr. Shaw said the employment exchanges during the year ending April 7 had filled 962,663 vacancies in Britain (Ministerial cheers), a great deal more than before the Government took office.

Replying to supplementary questions Mr. Shaw said that members opposite would have a better opportunity of scalping him to-morrow when he would show a phenomenal decrease in unemployment directly due to the Government's policy (cheers and counter cheers).—*Reuter.*

IMPERIAL AIRSHIPS.

HIGHWAY TO THE EAST.

LORD THOMSON'S STATEMENT.

LONDON, May 21. In the House of Lords, amplifying the Government's airship plans announced by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Lord Thomson, Minister for Air, said the Air Ministry would provide the necessary ground facilities in England, India and some intermediate stations. An airship highway to the East would be provided suitable for ships of the largest size, also harbour accommodation and repair facilities open to all. Lord Thomson declared that he found a wide trend of opinion that until airships were properly tried out and their safety and convenience proved they were unlikely to be of much commercial value.—*Reuter.*

SINGAPORE BASE.

GOVERNMENT DENIES PURCHASE OF LAND.

LONDON, May 21. In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. A. V. Alexander, Parliamentary Secretary, for Board of Trade, Mr. C. G. Ammon stated that the late Government bought no land from the Bukit Sembawang Rubber Company for the object of establishing the base at Singapore as land for the base was acquired by the Government of the Straits. In regard to Mr. Spence's further questions with regard to the price paid per acre for a number of acres now leased to the Bukit Sembawang Company, the date and terms of lease and rental and whether the land leased was fully cultivated for Rubber Production the Government had no information in regard to what transactions had passed in the Colony.—*Reuter.*

MALARIA PRECAUTIONS.

SAILORS TO BE PROTECTED.

LONDON, May 21. The Mercantile Marine Department of the Board of Trade has issued a notice giving a series of precautions it is advisable to take against malaria in British ships trading with Africa, India and the Far East, based on information furnished by the Ministry of Health, which represents the latest results of modern research. The Board has sanctioned a clause for inclusion in agreement with the crew, whereby the crew agree to use mosquito netting, take quinine, etc. The Master is enabled to punish upon refusal to adopt precautions.

U.S. WORLD FLIERS.

AGAIN DETAINED BY STORMY WEATHER.

Tokyo, May 21. The Navy Department states that the despatches issued yesterday announcing the arrival of the American world-fliers at Minato are erroneous, the fliers having been detained at Yokohama owing to more stormy weather.

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO CO.

LISTS FOR NEW DEBENTURES CLOSED.

LONDON, May 21. Subscription lists for the British North Borneo Company's £650,000 five per cent. First Mortgage Debentures (ninety per cent. redeemable in 1974) closed this afternoon.

LADIES' GOLF.

MISS WETHERED DEFEATS MISS LEITCH.

LONDON, May 21. A feature of the fifth round of the British Ladies' Golf Championship at Portrush, was the renewal of the battle for supremacy between Misses Cecil Leith and Joyce Wethered which was begun in 1920 when Miss Wethered, surprisingly defeated Miss Leith in the final of the English Championship and repeated her victory in 1922 from which time forward Miss Leith has been absent from competitive golf until the present. Miss Wethered was excellent throughout and won by the wide margin of 6 and 4. Miss Leith's falling, being chiefly weak putting. In the semi-finals Miss Wethered beat Miss Holmes by 4 and 3. Mrs. Cantley beat Miss Gourlay by one hole.—*Reuter.*

HOME CRICKET.

SOUTH AFRICAN TOUR.

LONDON, May 21. There was no play to-day, the first day of the Gloucestershire v. South Africans match at Bristol, on account of rain.—*Reuter.*

LONDON, May 21.—The Council of the Lawn Tennis Association has unanimously resolved to forbid playing in international matches from reporting for the press.—*Reuter.*

MacLAREN'S PROGRESS.

ARRIVES AT AKYAB IN BURMA.

Akyab, Burmah, May 21. The British world-flier Squadron-Leader MacLaren has arrived. [Akyab is the station between Calcutta and Rangoon.]

CAREERS FOR YOUNG.

ETERNAL PROBLEM ACUTE AS EVER.

The task of choosing a career is becoming increasingly difficult to the boys and girls leaving public schools and the young men and women coming down from the Universities. In growing number they are giving up the idea of joining the professions in which, it seems, there is no room. They may go into business as undoubtedly a greater number than ever are doing.

The number of medical students offering themselves this year is not only the lowest in 20 years, but shows a drop to little more than 25 per cent. of last year's. The training is long and expensive, and the subsequent earnings are too often not enticing.

A similar dearth of students applies to the Law. The Church is not overcrowded, but young men are not offering themselves. In 1914-15 there were only 463, and these included ex-Servicemen. The Civil Service is as attractive as ever, but there are few openings, and the Navy and Army have been "cut."

Moscow, May 21.—The Ukrainian Executive Committee has commuted the death sentences on the Kiev intelligentsia to ten years imprisonment. Other sentences were reduced one half.—*Reuter.*



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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on FRIDAY, the 23rd May, 1924, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December 1923.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 9th to the 23rd May 1924, both days inclusive.

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General Agents,
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Second Annual Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, on Monday, 26th May 1924, at noon.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 10th May, 1924 to 26th May 1924, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
S. J. JORDAIN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 7th May, 1924.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY the 28th May, 1924, at 11.00 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th April 1924.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from WEDNESDAY, 21st May to WEDNESDAY, 28th May, 1924, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers,
Hongkong, 17th May, 1924.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that scrip No. 4227 for 500 shares Ewo Cotton Mills Ltd. in the name of Mr. EZRA ABRAHAM of Hongkong together with a duly executed transfer deed purporting to assign the said shares has been lost.

The said shares are the property of the undersigned and application has been duly made to the Company for the issue of a duplicate scrip.

The public is therefore warned against dealing with the said shares without reference to the undersigned. Any person having any knowledge as to the whereabouts of the said scrips is asked to communicate with the undersigned.

Messrs. ELLIS & CO.
Hongkong, 9th April, 1924.

NOTICE.

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THE THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley, on SATURDAY, 24th May 1924 commencing at 3 p.m. The first race will be rung at 2.30 p.m.

The Charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Season Tickets to obtain admission to the Members Enclosure.

Each member has the right of introducing 2 non-members to the Members Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis at \$5 each up to FRIDAY May 23rd.

The Stewards invite the Ladies of Hongkong to be present.

Hongkong, 14th May, 1924.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ENTRIES for the Fourth Extra Race Meeting will close at 12 o'clock noon, on MONDAY, 26th May, 1924, instead of SATURDAY, 24th May, 1924.

By Order
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 19th May, 1924.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT Programmes and Entry Forms for the Fourth Extra Race Meeting to be held on SATURDAY 7th and MONDAY 9th June, 1924 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club and Causeway Bay Stables.

Entries close on 24th May 1924.

Hongkong, 16th May, 1924.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING.

THE conditions for Race No. 2 on the First Day and Race No. 3 on the Second Day have been cancelled and the following substituted therefor:

SATURDAY, 7th June 1924.

2.—GRANVILLE STAKES: One Mile—For China Ponies. Grifflins of this Season. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners of not more than two races 7 lbs extra; winners of three or more races 12 lbs extra. Subscribers Grifflins of this Season allowed 5 lbs. Unplaced runners allowed 5 lbs. Jockeys who have not won more than four Official Races allowed 5 lbs. Entrance Fee \$5.—1st Prize \$400.—2nd Prize \$150.—3rd Prize \$100.—

MONDAY, 9th June 1924.

3.—MAIDSTONE PLATE: One Mile—For China Ponies that have started in Hongkong since 1st January 1924 and previous to this Meeting and have not won a race since 1st January 1924. Weight for inches as per scale. Jockeys who have not won more than four Official Races allowed 5 lbs. Entrance Fee \$5.—1st Prize \$400.—2nd Prize \$150.—3rd Prize \$100.—Amended draft Programmes will be obtainable on 22nd inst.

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MAIL WEEK NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

Sir James Johnson, ex-Lord Mayor of Belfast and a member of the Privy Council in Ireland, died aged 76.

The South Slav Cabinet, headed by M. Pashitch, has resigned, one of its last decisions being to dissolve the German society known as Kulturbund because it had started "political action against the State."

The London Scottish war memorial at Messines was unveiled by the King of the Belgians on May 5, and an appeal was made to employers to give members of the regiment special leave to attend the ceremony.

In a message broadcast by wireless through Spain, General Primo de Rivera, the head of the Spanish Directory, promised that personal liberties would be fully restored when the danger of certain people exploiting them had been removed.

The national association of unions in the textile trade at Bradford approved a scheme for the amalgamation of all the textile unions except those in

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HELPING.

Hongkong cloaks its poverty in quite a remarkable manner. Evidence of it can only be found in those unrefined chits which are the bugbear of concerns which give credit; unsettled accounts rendered; and in the L.O.U.'s which appear as questionable assets in most generous men's affairs. Our Portuguese friends have their own Societies that give help to necessitous cases; and the Hongkong Benevolent Society covers a less restricted creed or national field in its beneficent

diminished by the extra cases the Society had been called upon to help. In what direction, the public was not made aware—in conformance with the policy of the Society not to divulge names. Nor are we informed if the appeal met with any response and if so to what extent. We are inclined to think the motives actuating the Society in withholding names very worthy ones and only hope its income account does not suffer thereby, for it would doubtless swell if the public could have some indication in what direction charity was being dispensed. There seems to be too much of the getting rid of a certain type of character, to hush up his misdeeds, and thus in some unknown way preserve the good name of the Colony, rather than let such go through the mill and by a measure of hard work, work out his own redemption and incidentally make good some of the violations of credit due to a misnamed generosity. We are speaking generally. This, we imagine, is not the type of case helped by the Benevolent Society, but rather those who have become stranded here, or through the perversity of conditions find themselves unable to help themselves, with the door of employment effectually bolted.

A Hongkong Screen.

The oppressiveness has given place to rain. "Water from the clouds in drops" as the dictionary quaintly phrases it. It is persistent. The clouds are laden and heavy and appearances seem to denote that the spell is likely to continue for hours. The mind instinctively thinks of landslides—floods. There are about thirty in line, at the street fountain patiently waiting for a chance to fill buckets, tubs, Standard Oil tin-cans—with water. What are they waiting for? The curious-minded ask. There they are crowded in at the opening of the Bank's room. Most have pencils and paper; all have a fish-like look which denotes a fixed thought. They can't be newspaper men seeking an interview; nor can they be people with what are known as current accounts seeking an overdraft. Suddenly there is a movement a flutter, a whisper, and the sacred ranks part; pencils fly to paper, and the herd separates. The afternoon Exchange rate has been disclosed. Crowds are in attendance, the hillside is dotted with these who prefer to see without paying for the privilege. Each tram car that comes along is crowded "fore and aft" disgorging their living freight at the terminus, only to add to the chattering curious throng who are present not so much to help a hospital as to satiate, if that is possible, their sense of the curious. Two-thirty is announced, then three. At three-thirty it is obvious there will be no aviation display that afternoon. Fans gyrate in the twilight-laden room; a bell is heard, and the orchestra commences its overture. Lights shaded out the darkness and make for restfulness. Three-star brandy—Yes! Capstan. The audience settles down. The audience settles down.

Summer-Time.

England has reverted to summertime and is presumably better off by reason of the extra hour, Shanghai has no summer-time, but certain business-houses have what they call summer-time—a rearrangement of the hours in which they do business. Thus, a period of 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. (Saturdays 8.30 a.m. to 12 noon) is to be observed by the following firms—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Gibb, Livingstone & Co., Ltd., Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., The Kailan Mining Administration, Glen Line Eastern Agencies, Ltd., and Butterfield & Swire. The last named firm's Saturday hours will be 8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Doubtless other firms in the Settlement are copying what must be considered an excellent example, and employees must reap a considerable benefit. In Manila there is a siesta period from 12 noon to 2 p.m., and those who have been there speak to the precision with which stores close promptly on the stroke of 12 noon. Hongkong debated the question of Summer-time at a meeting of its General Chamber of Commerce and decided, on a vote, to have nothing to do with it. If we remember rightly the result of the voting was extremely narrow and probably the question of its effect upon children—used as an argu-

ment by one of the speakers—had a lot to do with it. This apart, is there any reason why the business community should not have its summer-time, and labour within the hours adopted by the Shanghai firms we have mentioned? A long morning is better than a long afternoon, and we think it will be generally agreed that better work is more likely to be done in a cooler atmosphere than in being done in a haze of heat, when the will is put to greater extremes of compulsion than otherwise, and the tendency is to "slack off." A compromise might be made and the Manila system adopted thus giving most of us an opportunity for the rest that even a brief sleep can supply.

POT SHOTS.

Circumstances alter services. It's a long lane that isn't being repaired by the P.W.D.

In the multitude of Legislative Councillors there should be much wisdom.

Very easy lies the hand that signs too many chits.

To remember is human; to forget divine.

Two's company, three's a quarum.

It at first you don't succeed, let it be a lesson to you.

Miss Susannah Boggs, of Rose Villa, Napier-road, Heston Chapel, Lancashire, directed

that her body should be buried at Willow Green Cemetery, Reddish, as near as possible to the grave of her sister, and a similar tombstone erected thereover at a cost of not less than £500, and she left one shilling each to a nephew and niece, saying they are otherwise provided for. Net £7,383.

Mrs. Mary Lyon, of Kimberley House, Pinchbeck, Lincolnshire, directed that her body should be buried respectfully in an English oak coffin, with brass fittings, and left to Spalding Cemetery-keeper 5s. a year on condition that he keeps her grave and that of her husband in order.

"A tomato" is one who died for his faith.

"A conservative is a sort of greenhouse where you look at the moon."

"Gutta-percha is the fiddle strings of a cat."

"A bachelor is what a young girl plays a game with, and it has a little drum and a handle."

The French Government, de Jouvencel, Minister of Education and Fine Arts, has addressed the following letter to Anatole France on the occasion of his eightieth birthday:

Maitre.—On the day when all the letters of the world celebrate your eightieth birthday the Minister of Education cannot fail to join with theirs the homage of the Government. How could our country not be grateful to your smiling genius. Your art, so to speak, has given the finishing touch to that instrument of precision, the French language, and has exhilarated that sense of perfection which renders French so nobly exigent. You have thus aided men and nations to understand themselves, and have merited the name of Master, which I am proud to give you.

With the removal of the British band upon music hall "turns"

from Germany, Austria, and other former enemy countries, imposed in August, 1914, one more step has been taken to mitigate the acerbities of post-war conditions in Europe. The resolution which was adopted by 116 votes to 7 at a special general meeting of the Variety Artists' Federation in London, was largely determined, it is true, by economic considerations. It stated in part, however, that the members of the federation "are of the opinion that the time has arrived for the reciprocal exchange of artists of the nationalities concerned." This British decision will, most certainly exercise considerable influence in determining the future course of France, Belgium and Italy in this same, connection and more than likely, it is believed, the ban will be removed everywhere in Europe before the end of the year.

An editorial in The Times of London, published on April 11, discussed, without reaching any conclusion, the origin of the time-worn custom of "that day's familiar ritual of momentary dejection," urged that "folly" is relative, that is, that many things which were invigorating "folly" to an older generation are now seriously engaged in, and declared that perhaps the time has come when one day at least should be devoted to considering exactly where folly ends, and wisdom begins. All very good, but when it comes to a discussion of the

relative aspects of this subject, surely no one ever summed up the situation better than George Chapman, in his play entitled "All Fools," when he said, "Young men think old men are fools; but old men know young men are fools!"

Smithson was a cursed well son. He was a lazy do-nothing and a great anxiety to his father. After setting his son up in various business enterprises, all of which ended disastrously, Smithson finally boarded him out with a farmer, in the hope that he would be able to teach him how to earn his living on the land.

After his son had been with the farmer a fortnight, Smithson went down into the country to see how he was getting on.

He was met by the farmer at the station, and immediately asked anxiously how his son was doing.

"How's the boy getting on?" was his first question.

"Well," said the farmer, "he broke two spade handles yesterday."

"What, working so hard!"

"No, leaning on them."

To-day's Poem.

(Leisure.)

What is this life if, full of care, We have no time to stand and stare.

No time to stand beneath the boughs

And stare as long as sheep or cows.

No time to see, when woods we pass,

Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass.

No time to see, in broad daylight, Streams full of stars, like stars at night.

No time to turn at Beauty's glance,

And watch her feet, how they can dance.

No time to wait till her mouth can Enrich that smile her eyes began.

A poor life this if full of care, We have no time to stand and stare.

—William H. Davies.

WEATHER CALENDAR.

MAY 22.

1846. Just as I write, the weather is a little more proper for this "the blest ascension-day of the cheerful month of May."

IMAGINATION.

Imagination disposes of everything; it creates beauty, justice, and happiness, which is everything in this world.

—Pascal.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

May 22.—Coronet Theatre: "Kindred of the Dust."

May 22.—The Star: "Something To Think About."

May 22.—World Theatre: "Trilling With Honour."

May 22.—Queen's Theatre: "De-termination"; also "Chefs and Palermo, the Magicians."

SOCIAL.

May 31.—Dance at Peak Club, 9.15 p.m.

June 12.—Mr. William Houghan, well known Basso-Baritone, will sing at the Peak Club, 9.30 p.m.

SPORTS.

May 24.—Third extra Race Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club.

June 7-9.—Fourth Extra Race Meeting of the H.K. Jockey Club.

LAND SALE.

May 26.—At P.W.D. Offices, one lot of Crown Land at Mt. Cameron, 3 p.m.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

May 23.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Rooms, Duddell Street, house-hold furniture, 11 a.m.

May 23.—Lammert Bros., at Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kennedy Town, one gas engine, 2.30 p.m.

May 23.—Lammert Bros., at 6, Catchick Street, Kennedy Town, machinery, 3 p.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

May 23.—Forty-third meeting of the Canton Insurance Co., Ltd., at Jardine Matheson's offices, at noon.

May 25.—Second meeting of shareholders of Lane, Crawford Ltd., at the Hongkong Hotel, noon.

May 25.—Meeting of shareholders of the Peak Tramway Co., Ltd., at the Hongkong Hotel, 11 a.m.

OTHER MEETINGS.

May 22.—Ordinary general meeting of Marine Engineers' Guild of China, at Seijlers' Home, West Point, 5 p.m.

May 28.—Bible study circle, at Telok Ayer Stret, conducted by Rev. G. R. Lindsay, (open to all women), 10.30 a.m.

WATER RESTRICTIONS.

NO DECISION MADE YET.

INTERESTING RAINFALL FIGURES.

At tiffin time to-day, the Public Works Department had not decided to rescind the water restrictions. Prompted by the heavy rain, a China Mail man made inquiries and he was courteously informed, that the rider-main arrangements would not be taken off at the moment. Still, there was a gleam of hope. The Water Authorities were busy with the question and a decision might be made on Monday.

Although there had been plenty of rain it was not so much a matter of quantity as of quality as well; the water in one of the smaller reservoirs was rather muddy but this was also receiving attention.

Telephone communication with Kowloon being interrupted at the time, the Botanical and Forestry Department was sought. Most people will think the amount of rainfall as recorded by the rain-gauge at the Botanic Gardens, a great deal more than shown by the figures. During the twenty-four hours up to 10 this morning, 1.90 inches had been registered by the instrument in the Gardens but the heaviest torrents came on after the recording hour. Yesterday's figure was only .01 inch.

Chinese Chamber of Commerce

Interested.

Interviewed by a representative of the Chinese press, Mr. Li Pok-kwai, chairman of the Hongkong Chinese Chamber of Commerce, is quoted as having stated that if the restrictions are not withdrawn in a few days, the Chamber will probably call a committee meeting to pass a resolution to the Government suggesting the discontinuation of the rider-main curtailment. It was hinted in the interview that the Chinese were of the opinion that there was ample water after the heavy rains and it was only recently a report was made that the amount of water in storage was more than twice the amount at the corresponding period last year.

HONGKONG BASEBALL LEAGUE FORMED.

LEAGUE FORMED.

LAST-NIGHT'S MEETING.

American baseball enthusiasts in the Colony are determined to make this season a real successful one and knowing that it is half the battle to get the public interested, they are hoping to arrange games here with well known baseball teams in order that the public may observe the game as it should be played. Recognising that competition is conducive to better play they decided that the Hongkong Baseball League, provisionally formed last year, should this year go with a real swing and for this purpose a meeting was called last night at the American Consulate. There were present Messrs M. Wallman, J. Koff and M. Kernahan (representing the Hongkong Baseball Club), G. da Rosa and J. M. da Rocha (Club de Recreio), S. Tukushima (Japanese Baseball Club), K. F. June (South China Athletic Association) and F. Sequeira (Club de Lusitano).

It was unanimously decided to form the league and rules of operation will be drawn up and submitted to members.

The ground used will be that at present belonging to the Hongkong Baseball Club where there is accommodation for nearly 500 in the grandstand.

It was decided to draw up a schedule of matches and practice games for each club, the representatives of the Club de Recreio indicating that in the event of a satisfactory conclusion to negotiations for a ground at Kowloon they would be pleased to allow its use for games and practices.

"SOME EXCUSE."

COMPLAINT ABOUT MOTOR BOATS.

That he could not hear polite whistles owing to the noise made by his engine was the excuse of the master of a Walla motor boat who was charged at the Marine Court this morning with failing to stop when called upon to do so at 11.45 p.m. on May 13.

L.S. Darkin, who gave evidence, against him said that "they all make the same excuse and it is a dangerous practice." He flashed his light four times in this particular instance but with no effect and it was not until he gave the signal four times on his whistle that the boat stopped. A passenger on board said he saw the flashes and heard the whistles.

Fined \$10.

CANTON POLITICS.

SUN RALLIES OLD ADHERENTS.

RETURNING TO THE FOLD.

Considerable significance is placed on the return to Canton, in support of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, of two of his old-time and more important adherents. Members of the Kuo Min Tang, Dr. Sun's party, have not been endowed with the higher sweets of office since his return to Canton about fifteen months ago. Chan Kwing-ming was driven away by the joint invasion of Shun Hung-ying's Kwangsi troops and the Yunnanese army under Yeung Hef-man and they saw to it that all the powerful posts were retained in their hands when Dr. Sun went back from Shanghai. Eventually the Kwangsi-troops proved treacherous and they were expelled by the Yunnanese. Since then the administration of Kwangtung province has been gradually slipping away from the Cantonese and the strength of the non-Cantonese troops has been on the increase. One result has been the relegation of Dr. Sun's former Cantonese officers to posts with little more than nominal authority containing garrison duty in outlying districts.

General Hsu Shung-chi, who took part in the campaign which ousted the Kwangsi militarists Li Yung-ting and Mu Yung-hsien, has now returned and his appointment as commander-in-chief of all the Cantonese troops in the province has been announced. A vernacular paper states that he is to assume duty officially to-day. He was the leader of Dr. Sun's Northern Expedition which was cut off at Shikwan in the summer of 1922 and trekked into Fukien. On return to his native province after various vicissitudes he is said to have become dissatisfied at the state of things and left for Shanghai where he was adamant to all persuasions to return to the fold once more. Now that he has again professed his willingness to serve, it will mean a strong rally to Dr. Sun in prestige as his influence with the troops and his military ability have always been recognised. The significance is that the quarrels between Sun's immediate followers have been patched up with the resulting strengthening in morale.

Another of Dr. Sun's subordinates who has gone back to Hongkong is Wu Hon-man, governor of Canton in the early days of the republic and one of the revolutionary leaders. He is said to have been unable to see eye to eye with others in Canton hence his long retirement at Excelsior Terrace in Hongkong. His appointment as secretary to the Generalissimo is another indication that he has been won back to the cause.

It is not known if ex-Admiral Chan Chak has left Shanghai but rumours are abroad that he is also rejoining Sun's service. He has been one of Sun's staunchest adherents, having been the moving spirit in the "capture" of the Navy in Canton in 1922 and remaining to the last with his leader the bottled-up cruiser off Shameen after the coup which expelled Sun.

As Coastal Defence Commissioner at Kowloon he came into open conflict with Ju Cheuk-man another old Kuo Min Tang principal and it is surmised that for driving Ju away, he was relieved of office. He has been kicking his heels since but there have been reports of his return in the near future.

All the foregoing are merely straws in the wind but they give weight to the assumption that the Cantonese (native) officials are gradually consolidating their position so that they will be able to show a united front against a common enemy or any recalcitrant faction now loyal to Dr. Sun Yat-sen.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

SLIGHT INDISPOSITION.

The China Mail regrets to learn that H.E. the Governor is suffering from a slight attack of influenza and was, as a consequence unable to preside at the Council meeting this afternoon.

His Excellency, by Doctor's advice, is confined to the House, but it is hoped that he will be sufficiently recovered to be present at the Race Meeting on Saturday.

FOOTBALL.

The following will represent the Club de Recreio in their replay against the East Surveys for the runners-up position in the Second Division Football League. Game to be played on the Hongkong Club Ground on Friday, 23rd instant, at 5.30 p.m.—M. Silva; A. Gosano; P. M. Xavier; C. d'Assumpcao; A. A. Remedios; H. E. Remedios; D. Xavier; A. Fernandes; W. Oduy; L. Rocha and A. Brown. Reserves: A. A. Botelho and L. E. Carvalho.

Rigs, May 21.—Colonel Selikhanov of the White Guard Army has been shot in accordance to sentence.—Reuter.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

TO-DAY'S MEETING.

RENTS ORDINANCE RENEWED.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held this afternoon, when the following resolutions, moved by the Hon. the Colonial Secretary, were passed—

Whereas application has been duly made by the Sanitary Board to the Governor under section 167 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903-1922, for the erection of a Public Urinal in Kowloon at the Junction of Kimberley Road and Austin Avenue.

And whereas such application having been duly approved by the Governor and a notification of the intention to erect a Public Urinal at such site having been duly published in three successive numbers of the Gazette, certain owners and occupiers of property in the vicinity have objected to such erection.

And whereas such objections have been duly considered, It is hereby resolved by this Council that the above mentioned site and the erection thereof of a Public Urinal be and the same are hereby approved.

RENTS ORDINANCE.

Whereas by provisions of section 10 of the Rents Ordinance 1922 it is inter alia provided that it shall be lawful for the Legislative Council from time to time by resolution to extend the duration of the said Ordinance for such term not exceeding one year at any one time as may be specified in such resolution:

And whereas the Rents Ordinance 1922 has been amended by the Rents Amendment Ordinance 1923 and by the Rents Amendment Ordinance 1924:

Now it is hereby resolved by the Legislative Council that the duration of the Rents Ordinance 1922 as amended by the Rents Amendment Ordinance, 1923 and by the Rents Amendment Ordinance, 1924 be extended until and including the 30th day of June 1925.

STOWAWAYS.

The Hon. Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the law relating to stowaways.

His Excellency the Governor (Sir R. E. Stubbs, K.C.M.G.) was not able to attend on account of indisposition.

The Hon. Sir Claud Severn, K.B.E., C.M.G. (Colonial Secretary) presided and there were also present the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, K.C., C.B.E. (Attorney-General), the Hon. Mr. E. W. Trotman (Colonial Treasurer), the Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy (Director of Public Works), the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, the Hon. Mr. A. R. Lowe, the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotevali, the Hon. Mr. Chau Suk-ki and Mr. S. B. B. McDermid (Clerk of Councils).

OBJECTIONS OVERRULED.

In moving the first resolution Sir Claud Severn said that the erection of this convenience was due to representations from residents in the locality and it was the opinion of the Government that such an erection was desirable. The intentions of the Government were publicly notified in the "Government Gazette" and an objection was received from Messrs. Butterfield & Swire who pointed out that the place was in close proximity to the staff houses of the Ocean Steamship Co. The objection was considered by the Sanitary Board who decided that it was not desirable to abandon the project.

An objection had also been received from owners and occupiers of houses in Austin Avenue and Kimberley Road which stated that they were considering the idea of utilising the spot for a garden. The Sanitary Board decided to over-rule this objection also. Trees and shrubs, added Sir Claud Severn, would well hide the building and improve the appearance of the place.

The resolution was unanimously carried.

BENEFICIAL RESULTS.

In moving the second resolution Sir Claud Severn said he felt sure that he would have the support of all the Hon. Members. He had been reading the debates which took place when the Rents Ordinance was first introduced into this Council in 1921 when most of them were doubtful as to what would be the result of this somewhat exceptional legislation but during the three years in which the Ordinance had been in force the results had been wholly beneficial. This was the first time that it had been possible to bring forward a resolution to continue the Ordinance without at the same time amending the Ordinance.

Mr. Pollock, in seconding, said that the resolution had the support of all the unofficial members of the Council.

"FOR VALOUR."

GENERAL GIVES WATCHES

AN INCENTIVE TO FIGHT.

There is going the rounds of local commercial circles at present a story to the effect that a Chinese general has placed an order with a firm of importers of Japanese watches, for a thousand gold gilded wrist watches which he wishes to distribute to his troops as an incentive to fight.

Hung Shiu-lan, of Swatow, is said to be the resourceful leader who thought of the idea. In the fighting at Waichow last year, he is credited with having raised the siege of that city after it had been beleaguered for weeks and was on the point of capitulation. At the time, he is stated to have distributed an English gold sovereign to each man and that was how the battle was won. As a novelty, he has placed an order for the wrist watches which are to cost him \$4 a piece. Whether these substitutes for military decorations have arrived yet, is not mentioned.

THE ROSS INSTITUTE.

APPEAL FOR £50,000.

"THE COLONY'S OPPORTUNITY."

As outlined some time ago, an appeal is being made for £50,000, to endow "The Ross Institute for Tropical Diseases and Research Hospital," established to carry on the work of medical research associated with the name of Sir Ronald Ross.

Local arrangements are in the hands of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce who have circulated an appeal, copy of which we give below.

It is gratifying to hear that already a large number of donations have been received ranging from \$100 to \$250. The Chamber will be pleased to receive donations from the general public.

THE HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

HONGKONG, May 20, 1924.

Dear Sirs,

The Chamber desires to enlist the support of its members towards the endowment fund of £50,000 which is being raised for The Ross Institute for Tropical Diseases and Research Hospital, established to carry on the work of medical research associated with the name of Sir Ronald Ross, K.C.B., F.R.S.

As is well known, the investigations into the causes of malaria and yellow fever, in which the late Sir Patrick Manson (whose name is well known in Hongkong) and Sir Ronald Ross took so large a part, made possible the building of the Panama Canal, an enterprise whose value specially appeals to Hongkong from a commercial point of view. Advancement in medical science also has made Hongkong and other formerly dangerous places comparatively safe for residence by white people.

It is felt therefore, that firms and individuals here have a special interest in the support of medical research into tropical diseases and will welcome an opportunity of contributing towards its endowment.

The Chamber will be glad to receive and acknowledge your cheque towards this object and in due course will forward the total contributed to the Hon. Treasurer, Lord Willoughby de Broke, in London.

I am, dear Sirs,
Yours faithfully,
M. F. Kiv.
Acting Secretary.

A WANTED MAN?

HAWKER IDENTIFIED AS A ROBBER.

When the police arrested a hawker in Shanghai Street yesterday for selling vegetables, closer inspection of the man showed that he was a "wanted man" who had, it is alleged, escaped after committing an armed robbery at No. 50, Tsim Sha Street in August last year.

At the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, the man was remanded for twenty-four hours.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. W. K. Reynolds is a passenger on the "Empress of Russia" which left for Manila yesterday.

A letter has been received from Mrs. Litt, the first lady to teach in Queen's College. She writes from North Palestine where her husband is a judge. She still remembers the names of some of her pupils and sends them, her best wishes for success and happiness.

Mosquitoes.

A resolution, proposed by Mr. Pollock, was passed to make it compulsory to cut off all bamboo scaffolding immediately above the joint to prevent a receptacle for standing water from being created. This, of course, is a measure to check the breeding of mosquitoes.

CORRESPONDENCE.

RAIN AND WATER.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Sir,—With the wish being father to the thought and living in the hopes that the water restrictions will be taken off after this abundant fall of rain, I respectfully beg to put in a reminder that the Hongkong public is eagerly looking forward to the official announcement that we will get water again.

"It's an ill wind, etc." the old saying goes. There are many who will be disappointed—to put it no stronger—at having to put off engagements on account of the weather, but to us this is a real godsend.

As far as my experience goes, the rider-main arrangements this year have been irregular and ineffective as compared with previous years. Where I live, our two-hours supply usually begin at about 8 in the morning. During the five mornings this week we have had about forty minutes in all when water was available from the tap. On two mornings we did not get even the proverbial drop and this morning, the trickling started at 9.15.

Personally, I feel that the Chinese will welcome the suggestion of compulsory meters after this brief period of restriction. One abuse that I am aware of is that ground-floor shops who are the lesses of whole buildings and who wish the tenants of upper floor tenements to leave so that higher rents can be obtained but are powerless because of the Rents' Ordinance, have monopolised the full two hours thus depriving their sub-tenants upstairs. It is needless to say that the object of this persecution is to get the tenants to leave.

People physically weak have to buy their water at exorbitant rates from carriers who besiege the street fountains and add to their supply by paying "cumshaw" to ground floor occupiers for water from their taps, thus cheating the more unfortunate residents who happen to live above an unscrupulous water horder.

If it is decided to continue the restrictions I suggest that direct connections be made to each floor for at least half an hour. We Chinese have no civic spirit but if a plebiscite were taken now there would be an overwhelming majority in favour of rider-main meters.

As the torrents continue, my letter may be too late for publication but I submit that it serves a purpose in pointing out some of the hardships inflicted by lack of detail.

Yours etc.,
GOBI SAHARA.
Sutherland Street.
Hongkong, May 22, 1924.

STILL THEY COME.

POLICE SEARCH FOR ARMS FRUITFUL.

TWO MORE SEIZURES.

The strict search being made by the Police on ships arriving in port is bringing to light many attempts made to smuggle arms and ammunition. Again at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning two cases of arms seizures were reported.

A Chinese passenger aboard the s.s. "Phrang" was charged with being in illegal possession of one revolver and 104 rounds of ammunition, four of which were loaded in the gun.

Inspector Spear told Mr. E. W. Hamilton that the ship was under the Piracy Regulations and was being thoroughly searched. The defendant was examined and on him were found a revolver and 50 rounds in his trousers pockets. Fifty more rounds of ammunition were discovered in his trunk. He was a passenger travelling from France to Hoihow.

The Inspector said the Police did not think the defendant was carrying the gun for any criminal purpose.

The Magistrate said that as the Police were satisfied on this score, he would impose the lightest sentence, which was a fine of \$250 with the alternative of three months in jail. The revolver and ammunition would be confiscated.

An Unclaimed Box.

Sgt. Simpson applied for an order confiscating 2 revolvers and 500 rounds of ammunition seized aboard the s.s. "President Jefferson" more than two months ago. While searching the ship on April 11, said the Sergeant, a box was found which had not been claimed. It was not opened until yesterday at the Police Station when the arms were found inside. The confiscation order was made.

"V" BEACH GENIUS.

A FORGOTTEN DOCUMENT.

Fresh light on the ill-fated Dardanelles campaign (1915 to 1916) was thrown recently by General Sir Ian Hamilton, speaking at Hull.

Sir Ian spoke of the morning of March 12, 1915, when Lord Kitchener sent for him. "He looked up and said, 'We are sending a military force to support the Fleet now at the Dardanelles, and you are to have command.'"

With twenty-four hours, declared Sir Ian, he must receive his instructions, select a staff, get the hang of the Dardanelles and of the nature of the whereabouts of his new force—and bundle off!

As was to be expected, he continued, all sorts of things were overlooked in so much agitation. For instance, in 1906 the General Staff had drawn up a considered memorandum, with a great deal of information, upon the question of forcing the Dardanelles. But the General Staff were in France, and so one at the War Office knew of the existence of the document. Not till 1916, long after the last of our troops had quitted the Gallipoli Peninsula did he himself ever hear of it.

13 ON FRIDAY, THE 13TH.

"So now," Sir Ian added, "you see our party of 13 officers starting off on March 13—a Friday—for the Dardanelles. My instructions, on a half-sheet of foolscap, were vague."

Sir Ian spoke of the operations that followed. "V Beach," he said, "had no but known it, was next door to impossible as a landing. Our evil genius had planned our ruin there, and yet, at the last hour, good angels came and saved us by sending into the naval minds the thought of how, by the gift of a wooden horse, Troy and all her citadels had fallen. Commander Uwin was the name of the hero who had the brain wave, and as he is miraculously still alive, I can still take my hat off when I meet him."

"So it came about that Admiral Wemyss fixed up an old steel-built tramp steamer called the River Clyde to bear within her womb two battalions of infantry. Not one of our men would have returned to tell the tale but for the River Clyde—sold now to the Spaniards by a Government of spendthrifts who could find millions for any d—thing except sentiment."

LONG ENGAGEMENTS.

JUDGE ON "HOPE DEFERRED."

"Long engagements are very often disastrous because they are an illustration of the saying that 'hope deferred maketh the heart sick,'" said Mr. Justice Avey in a judgment up in the breach of promise action brought by Miss Dorothy Lily Steel, of Avenue Road, Leytons, against a Southern bootmaker, Mr. Charles Newman.

His lordship said there had been some evidence with regard to Newman's walking out or keeping company with another young woman. "I believe they are different grades or steps," Mr. Justice Avey commented, "but I forget which comes first. (Laughter.) An investigation of other people's love affairs and the reading of letters which were never intended, when they were written, to be made public is not an interesting occupation except for those who have nothing better to think or read about. But so long as this form of action survives the investigation will have to be made to do justice between the parties."

The jury returned a verdict for Mr. Newman, and made a recommendation that each party should pay their own costs.

Mr. Justice Avey entered judgment for Mr. Newman, and said he would consider the jury's recommendation as to costs.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Two cases of paratyphoid fever were reported yesterday. Both are British.

Two Chinese shopkeepers were prosecuted at Singapore last week on behalf of the Orient Tobacco Manufacturing of Hong Kong, for exposing for sale cigars (viz. the word "Hongkong") had been applied. Both defendants were convicted and fined.

Tai Pan (21), a plater's cooler employed at the Kowloon Docks, was killed in a work accident yesterday. He was in the hold of the s.s. "Sarvistan" which was in dock for repairs when a hatch-cover fell on his head. He died while being removed to hospital.

CARDINAL'S POVERTY.

FREE LODGINGS IN A PAPAL PALACE.

A sidelight upon the high cost of living is thrown in an unexpected quarter by the *Illustrazione Italiana*, which tells of the difficulties with which no less a body than the College of Cardinals is now faced in Rome. The great wealth and splendour of a few cardinals in far off Renaissance days has left a popular tradition of magnificence which is really quite at variance with the lot of a cardinal to-day.

The *piazzo* or subsistence allowance of a cardinal resident in Rome—where there are about 80—is still to-day what it was a century ago, 4,000 scudos, or 22,000 Italian lire. At present exchange this is equivalent to about £324 a year. Out of this a cardinal must find funds to maintain apartments of simple dignity, a secretary, and a body servant.

This task has proved so heavy for those without any private means that Pius XI. is having alterations made in one of the papal palaces, where rooms used as offices will be adapted as living apartments for them. The monastery of San Calisto has been bought by the Holy See with the same end in view.

The pomp of the cardinal is a thing of the past. Before 1870 the Princes of the Church rode in gilded carriages. They exchanged these in that year for broughams drawn by black horses with coachmen and attendants in black livery. Black was chosen as a sign of mourning for the seizure of Rome by the Garibaldian troops, and the broughams were a familiar sight in processions in Rome, bearing cardinals outside the walls for their daily walk with their secretaries. It has always been against etiquette for them to walk in public inside the city, though some foreign cardinals on visits were given latitude in this matter.

But now even the oldish broughams are proving too expensive for the cardinals, and the Pope is consequently permitting this rule to fall into desuetude. The cardinals walk in the streets, and when a vehicle is absolutely necessary for them order a motor-car from a garage or possibly even a taxicab.

ACADEMY EXHIBITION.

SIR JOHN LAVERY'S STRIKING PICTURE.

The Academy Exhibition which opens to the public on Monday is unusually strong in portraiture, says a London wire of May 2.

Sir William Orpen shows five portraits of Lord Milner, Lord Wimborne, the Duke of Westminster, the Archbishop of York, and Mr. John McCormack. The portrait of Lord Milner is unquestionably the finest of his exhibits, and is probably the best thing in the Exhibition. Orpen's sixth exhibit is a fine study of the famous actor, Sergeant Murphy.

Sir John Lavery's picture, "The House of Commons in 1924," is sure to attract much attention. It shows the first Labour Prime Minister addressing the House, and is marked by strong realism and amazing fidelity to detail. Lavery's other exhibits consist of four portraits, including an admirable likeness of Lord Parmoor and a characteristic study of the jockey's dressing-room at Ascot.

Mr. Augustus John has three exhibits, the most striking being a painting of Princess Antoinette Bibesco dressed in pink and wearing a white mantilla.

One of the largest canvases in the Exhibition is Mr. Charles Sims' portrait of H.M. the King in ceremonial robes, a tour de force of fine decorative work.

The Exhibition contains many arresting studies of women. Conspicuous among the landscape paintings are those of Sir David Murray, charming studies of Wells Cathedral and Somerset country-side.

Sir Frank Dicksee has four works, among which is a picture of hills and heather, "From Surrey into Sussex," which is conspicuously beautiful.

The sculpture exhibits are largely of war memorials and fill eleven halls and galleries.

I tore the mask from my face and ran away. The men ran after me and brought me back. They tore off my clothes and tied me to a telegraph pole. They also put handcuffs on me, tar was poured over my head and he was told he had three minutes to live. Mr. McGowan described what happened then:

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"KASHMIR"	8,963	16th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MOIRA"	10,011	23rd Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	8,813	30th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHGAR-I-HIND"	11,430	6th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	8,963	13th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MOIRA"	10,011	20th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	8,813	27th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHGAR-I-HIND"	11,430	4th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	8,963	11th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MOIRA"	10,011	18th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	8,813	25th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHGAR-I-HIND"	11,430	1st Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	8,963	8th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MOIRA"	10,011	15th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	8,813	22nd Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHGAR-I-HIND"	11,430	29th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	8,963	6th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MOIRA"	10,011	13th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.

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Butcher Meat.

	May 21, 1924.	June 1924.	June 1924.
	Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Best Strick—Moi Lung Pa ..	30	34	34
Prime Out ..	30	34	34
Corned—Ham Ngau Yek ..	30	34	34
Roast—Shin ..	30	34	34
Breast—Ngau Nam ..	24	28	28
Soup—Tong Yek ..	15	22	22
Beak—Ngau Yek Pa ..	29	34	34
Beak Strick—Ngau Lam ..	35	39	39
Sausage—Ngau Cheung ..	30	34	34
Salmon's Brains—Ngau No par ..	19	23	23
Tongue, fresh—Ngau Li each 10	50	60	60
Tongue, corned—Ham Ngau Li	60	1.00	1.00
Head—Ngau Tam ..	1.00	1.00	1.00
Heart—Ngau Sam ..	16	18	18
Becky—Ngau Kiu ..	25	28	28
Becky—Ngau Kiu ..	15	18	18
Kidney—Ngau Yik ..	15	18	18
Liver—Ngau Mei ..	31	36	36
Tripe (untrimmed)—Ngau To lb.	6	7	7
Tripe (trimmed)—Ngau To lb.	6	7	7
Butter—each ..	1.20	1.00	1.00
Mutton Chop—Young Fat Kwai lb.	43	48	48
Leg—Young Fat ..	43	48	48
Shank—Young Fat ..	37	42	42
Saddle—Young Fat ..	40	45	45
Pig's Chilling—Chu Cheung ..	35	39	39
Butter—each ..	3	3	3
Butter—each ..	18	18	18
Butter—each ..	30	30	30
Head—Chu Tau ..	24	28	28
Heart—Chu Tau ..	24	28	28
Kidney—Chu Tau ..	18	22	22
Liver—Chu Tau ..	18	22	22
Pork Chop—Chu Fat Kwai ..	23	27	27
Leg—Chu Fat ..	23	27	27
Shank—Chu Fat ..	18	22	22
Loth—Chu Fat ..	18	22	22
Pork or Lamb—Chu Fat ..	33	37	37

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Butter—each ..	60	70	70
Heart—Young Fat ..	43	48	48
Kidney—Young Fat ..	18	22	22
Liver—Young Fat ..	18	22	22
Sucking Pig, to order—Chu Tau ..	45	50	50
Beef—Shang Ngau Yek ..	30	34	34
Mutton—Shang Ngau Yek ..	43	48	48
Veal—Ngau Tai Yek ..	34	39	39
Sausage—Ngau Tai Cheung ..	30	34	34

Fish.

Parbel—Ka Yu ..	24	28	28
Stream—Pin Yu ..	24	28	28
Canon Fresh Water Fish ..	24	28	28
Caro—Id Yu ..	30	34	34
Outfish—Chih Yu ..	36	40	40
Outfish—Mun Yu ..	30	34	34
Orake—Hui ..	40	44	44
Gattle Fish—Muk Yu ..	24	28	28
Dab—Sha Mang Yu ..	60	64	64
Dace—Wong Mei Lap ..	18	22	22
Dog Fish—Tui To Sha ..	12	16	16
Eels, Conger—Hoi Man ..	28	32	32
Free water—Shan Shui Yu ..	24	28	28
Yellow—Wong Shu ..	42	46	46
Frogs—Tin Kai ..	55	59	59
Gardens—Shak Pan ..	70	74	74
Gardens—Shak Pan ..	38	42	42
Herring—Tao Pak ..	30	34	34
Halibut—Cheung Kwai ..	24	28	28
Lobster—Wong Pa Yu ..	30	34	34
Loche—Wu Yu ..	65	69	69
Lobster—Lung Ha ..	50	54	54
Mackerel—Chi Yu ..	32	36	36
Monk Fish—Mong Yu ..	42	46	46
Mullet—Tui Yu ..	34	38	38
Oysters—Shang Ho ..	30	34	34
Parrot Fish—Kai Kwai Yu ..	26	30	30
Perch—Tui Yu ..	32	36	36
Pike—Fa Pan Fong ..	18	22	22
Plaice—Pan Yu ..	45	49	49
Pomfret—Black—Hak Cheung ..	40	44	44
Pomfret—White—Hak Cheung ..	45	49	49
Prawns—Ming Ha ..	40	44	44
Ray—Fai Pa Sha ..	10	14	14
Rock Fish—Shak Kan Kwai ..	22	26	26
Roach—Chun Yu ..	36	40	40
Salmon—Ma Yu ..	50	54	54
Shark—Sha Yu ..	12	16	16
Skate—Po Yu ..	16	20	20
Shrimps—Ha ..	55	59	59
Snapper—Lap Yu ..	48	52	52
Sole—Tui Yu ..	36	40	40
Solus—Wu Yu ..	40	44	44
Turbot—Tui Yu ..	38	42	42
Turtles—small fresh water ..	1.20	1.40	1.40

Poultry.

May 21, June 1924, June 1924.

Cts. Cts. Cts.

Chickens—Kai ..	30	34	34
Capon, Small—Sin Kai ..	45	49	49
Capon, Large—Sin Kai ..	45	49	49
Duck—Ap ..	35	39	39
Dove—Pan Kai ..	35	39	39
Eggs, Hen—Kai Tau (fresh) per doz 30	30	34	34
Fowls, Canton—Kai ..	64	68	68
Fowls, Hainan—Hoi Nam Kai ..	35	39	39
Geese—Ngo ..	34	38	38
Pigeons, Canton—Pak Kap ..	43	47	47
Hollow—Hoi Nam Pak Kap ..	40	44	44
Turkeys, Cook—Fo Kai Kwai lb. 70	70	74	74
Turkeys, Hen—Fo Kai Kwai ..	60	64	64
Snipe—Sha Tui ..	35	39	39
Pheasant—Shan Kai ..	1.10	1.14	1.14
Quail—Om Chan ..	36	40	40
Partridge—Che Ka ..	1.00	1.04	1.04

Fruits.

Almonds—Hang Yu .. lb. 80 25

Apples, (California)—Kam Shan .. 24

Apples, (California)—Ping Ho .. 24

Barbaria, (India)—Kam Shan .. 5

Barbaria, (India)—Hoi Nam .. 5

Cashew, (Yam) To .. 12

Cocoanuts—Yo Tau .. 10 10

Lemons, (America)—Ling Mung .. 12 7

Lemons, (America)—Kam Shan .. 8 8

Lichee, Dried, (small stone) .. 25 25

Oranges, (Canton), Sweet .. 12 12

Oranges, (Canton), Bitter .. 12 12

Oranges, (Canton), Cooking—Sha Lei .. 14

Peaches—Fa Shang .. 12 12

Perseimons, Large—Hung Tau .. 12 12

Plantain—Tui Chiu .. 5 5

Pineapple—Tui Chiu .. 12 12

Walnuts—Hop To .. 15 15

Grapes—Po Tai Tau .. 30 30

Vegetables, &c.

Artichokes—Ab Chai Cheuk .. 10 10

Beans, Sprout—Kai Tau .. 10 10

Long—Tui Koi .. 10 10

Beet Root—Hung Tui Tau .. 10 10

Bitter Squash—Fu Kwa .. 10 10

Brinjal, Green—Ching Yau Kwa .. 6 6

Red—Hoi Nam .. 6 6

Cabbage, Chinese, (common) .. 8 8

Shanghai—Tui Tau .. 10 10

Onion, Shoots, bunch—Kam Shan .. 10 10

Challflower (Large)—Tui Tau Pa each 20

(Medium) .. 15

(Small) .. 10

Carrow—Kam Shan .. 10 10

Celery, Chinese—Tui Tau .. 6 6

Celery, Chinese—Kui Tai Chiu .. 10 10

Chillies, Dried—Kui Tai Chiu .. 10 10

Red—Hung Pa Chiu .. 10 10

Green—Ching Lai Chiu .. 10 10

Curry Root, English—Kai Tai Chiu .. 10 10

Cucumbers—Ching Kwa .. 10 10

Garlic—Sun Tau .. 10 10

Glazer young—Sun Tau .. 10 10

Glazer, old—Lo Kwai .. 10 10

Horse radish, Shanghai—Lui Kai .. 10 10

Island Corn—Shak Mai .. 10 10

Lettsue—Young Shang Tui .. 6 6

Water Chestnut—Ma Tai .. 10 10

Mandarin—Kwai .. 10 10

Mushrooms, Fresh—Shang Tui Kai .. 10 10

Oxeye .. 10 10

Onion, Bombay—Young Ching Tui .. 10 10

Onion, Green—Shang Ching .. 6 6

Onion, Shanghai—Shang Ching .. 6 6

Parley—Kai Tai .. 10 10

Peas, Sweet—Fan Shu .. 6 6

Peas, Sweet—Fan Shu .. 6 6

Pumpkin—Tui Kwa .. 10 10

Radish—Hung Lo Pak Tai .. 6 6

Radish (French)—Tui Wong .. 6 6

Salsola—Kong Ching Tui .. 6 6

Spinach—Yin Tai .. 6 6

Tomato—Fan Kwa .. 6 6

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PEKING PARS.

VARIOUS ITEMS FROM
THE CAPITAL.

GRAVE POLITICAL SITUATION.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

PEKING, May 13.

There are indications of a grave political situation in the near future. The intrigues of Marshal Wu Pei-fu, has brought about the exact opposite of what he desired, as will be seen from the fact that recently four generals have revolted against him.

General Chang Fuli, General Feng Yuxiang, General Chenping and General Wang are now in alliance against him, each one having his own special grievance.

Some time ago General Chi Hsieh-yuan, Inspector General of Kiangsu, Anhwei and Kiangsi intrigued to get the General Tsoi Cheng-shun, Tuli of Kiangsi put out of office, and managed to get the President's O. K. for this, or thought he had, because he received a telegram from Yu Chih, Chief Secretary of the President's Office, saying the President agreed to the removal, but General Tsoi refused to be put out, and in order to strengthen his position he sent a bribe to Marshal Wu Pei-fu, amounting to \$500,000, this sum being derived from opium taxes.

Marshal Wu Pei-fu then sent a telegram to the President asking him not to dismiss General Tsoi, and the President thereupon addressed a private letter to General Chi saying that he wanted to dismiss General Tsoi but was opposed by Marshal Wu. Marshal Wu hearing what was going on, sent word to General Chi that General Tsoi had appealed to him but that he would not interfere as it was outside the jurisdiction of his Inspector Generalship. Marshal Wu has also ordered that all Tsuchens and Tulis who are also commanders of divisions to relinquish the active command of their divisions. Moreover, in obedience to Marshal Wu's instructions, General Wang Cheng-ping raised from the Provincial Treasury of Chihli, and banks the sum of \$5,000,000 for the promotion and carrying out of the election of Marshal Tsoi Kung to the Presidency. The Provincial Treasury is pressing for repayment, so that they can pay the troops, who are getting very restless. Meanwhile General Chang Hsueh-liang, son of Marshal Chang Tsoi-lin, who is only 24 years of age, has reached Divisional Rank. He took over command of the 27th Division at Chinchow on May 7.

GERMAN BONDS.

Reports from Chinese paper state that Mr. Figg, Manager of the Shanghai branch of the Deutsch Asiatic Bank, has secretly come to Peking and is staying at Mr. Egging's house. Mr. Figg's trip is connected with German Bonds question which Mr. Wang Keh-min wants settled before the Gold franc case. The Minister of Finance has been giving a number of banquets lately, although he has not yet resumed office. It is reported that the French will raise objection to the settlement of German Gold Bonds issue. Meanwhile it seems that Mr. Wang Keh-min is ignoring the opposition of the French.

"NATIONAL DISGRACE." May 7, "Day of National Disgrace," as it is called, was not by any means a day which quite a number of Student body are likely to forget in a hurry, in Peking. The Peking Students' Union and scores of other organizations made preparations for holding orderly demonstrations, parade the streets, and deliver lectures. A party of students marching along the streets, early, were set upon by the Police, and were very roughly handled, several being badly injured, and one had his eye struck out by a baton.

SOCIAL.

The annual Spring meeting of the Peking Club races opened at Pao Ma Chang, Friday, May 10. "Bengal" ridden by Mr. Davis, won the "Maidens" by little more than two lengths, "Boroon" ridden by Lieut. Neill won the Trial stakes. There were no large dividends.

President Tso K'un gave a Garden party yesterday, the 9th, which was attended by over 1,000 people. Every Legation and government ministry was well represented, and practically the entire Cabinet was present.

Fortunately the weather was good and there was a complete absence of dust.

Mr. H. H. Fox, of the British Legation left Peking this morning for Home.

Lady Leveson, wife of Admiral Sir Arthur Leveson, and her daughter Miss Pamela Leveson, arrived in Peking this morning.

Mr. R. A. Allen, right hand man for many years, of the late Mr. E. G. Hillier at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, and now in charge of the Bank's affairs here, is at present visiting Shanghai where he will meet Mr. A. G. Stephen of the Hongkong Office.

OBITUARY.

The death took place of Mr. A. P. Tyau, in the Peking Union Medical College Hospital on Friday last, the 9th instant. Mr. Tyau who succumbed to pneumonia, was born in Canton 70 years ago. He had been one of the Chinese Pioneers in Honolulu, but had been living in retirement since 1900. The last few years of his life being spent on the staff of the Waichia Pu.

EDUCATION.

It may interest your readers who take a keen interest in the development, and advancement of Education in China, to take a glance at the figures recently to hand.

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Latest Figures Show Only (6,819,486) In School Out of A
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Provinces.	In Primary Schools.	In Middle Schools.	In Colleges.	Total.
Peking (Including the Metropolitan Area)	85,020	7,641	13,671	106,332
Chihli	555,127	12,437	2,169	569,769
Fengtien	329,010	9,401	0,659	339,070
Kirin	68,785	2,283	0,102	71,170
Heilungkiang	51,463	1,804	0,075	53,342
Shantung	777,771	11,666	0,787	789,624
Shansi	800,827	11,857	0,863	813,547
Honan	282,589	8,562	0,426	291,377
Kiangsu	394,037	17,226	4,611	415,874
Anhui	95,978	8,268	0,171	104,778
Kiangsi	285,478	7,497	0,007	292,982
Fukien	150,517	6,860	0,843	157,620
Chekiang	416,262	11,513	1,041	428,816
Hupai	236,580	8,411	2,577	247,568
Hunan	324,451	14,698	1,709	340,858
Szechwan	217,954	3,620	0,224	221,808
Kansu	122,018	1,560	0,100	123,678
Heilungkiang	5,757	0,085	—	5,842
Szechuan	375,036	12,174	1,428	388,638
Canton	376,799	10,914	1,716	389,429
Kwangsi	201,526	6,683	0,276	208,485
Yunnan	203,172	4,607	0,115	207,894
Kueichow	66,855	2,273	0,230	69,358
Ad. Areas	41,040	0,838	—	41,878
Grand Total	6,601,802	182,804	24,880	6,819,486

CHRISTIANS TAKE TIME TO THINK.

WORK OF THE NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COUNCIL.

The subject that aroused most interest in the second day's meeting of the National Christian Council was that of retreats. These retreats were meetings of Christian leaders, held in various centres, for the purpose of securing quiet meditative thinking on the needs of the individual Christian life and the problems facing the Christian Church. Altogether over fifty such retreats were held under the auspices of the "Commission on Retreats and Evangelism," the report of which Commission was an important item in the day's proceedings. These retreats reproduce two elements prominent in Chinese religious life, namely, quiet and meditation. As such retreats are, therefore, evidence that Christianity is really becoming indigenous as it is thus beginning to express itself through types of religious experience familiar to the Chinese.

Dr. H. T. Hodgkin, who presented the Report of the Commission, said these retreats do three things: (1) They help the Christians find time for thinking; (2) They help set free spiritual forces; and (3) They demonstrate real Christian unity.

So significant have these retreats proved to be that the Commission not only recommends their continuance during the coming year but also that Dr. H. T. Hodgkin be relieved from other duties in order to concentrate on the work of the Commission on Retreats and Evangelism: it was also recommended that Dr. C. Y. Cheng, a secretary-elect of the N.C.C., give, on his return from abroad, the major part of his time to the work of the same Commission. The discussion, which took place after the set speeches and the Report of the Commission, showed a live interest in this phase of the work of the N.C.C.

Bishop Rootes, who is retiring from the secretaryship of the N.C.C., also spoke on the work of the Council as revealed in the experience of the staff during the year just finished. He outlined twelve different types of work that are set before the Council for its consideration. These have to do with the Chinese Church and its relation to the missions and the needs of China; future retreats; the country church; the Christian home; education; opium; and industrial and international relations. Part of the work of this meeting is to decide which of these tasks need and should receive the most emphasis.

It is evident that the scope of the work of the Council is expanding. The N.C.C. in itself seeks to discover the mind of the Chinese church and then to interpret the mind and aims of the Christian church in China to the Chinese people.

Bishop Rootes said that the staff of the N.C.C. must not be looked on as its "legs but as its antennae." The same thing is true of each member of the N.C.C. Council staff and members have the special duty of feeling out the needs of the church in China and the society of which it is a part, and then discovering plans to meet the needs as revealed. Particularly significant is the emphasis laid during the current year on the needs of the rural districts of China, in which 80% of the Chinese people live. If the Christian Church is to win China in any sense, it must win the rural districts. Through the work of the N.C.C. the Church in China has had this year a new vision of what it may do in the country.

In addition to the announcement of the retirement of Bishop Rootes it was announced that the Rev. E. C. Lobenstein, formerly secretary of the C.C.C. and a secretary-elect of the N.C.C., had decided to take up work as a full secretary of the N.C.C. This announcement was received with considerable satisfaction and applause.

It was announced also that Mr. \$5,037.13 had been contributed by churches in China for the relief of sufferers from the Japan earthquake. Most of this money had been taken to Japan by Professor T. C. Chao of Soochow University and Mr. S. P. Chuan of the N.C.C. One result of their visit was the appointment by the Japan Christian Council of a fraternal delegate to the National Christian Council of China.

It was announced also that the last Sunday in November in 1924 is to be utilized as a day of world-wide prayer in connection with world-wide Christian work.

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A PRESENTATION.

The Easma bathing beach was officially opened yesterday, the President of the Association (Mr. N. Toddola Mackintosh) being the first to take to the water. The opening was limited to members and some 30 or 40 made the trip across and enjoyed a pleasant dip. Improvements have been effected both to the beach and in respect of accommodation, which is much more extensive than last year.

After tea a presentation of a gold cigarette case was made to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. T. N. Macleynolds, Mr. H. J. Pearce, expressed the hope that the beach would be well patronised during the season. He mentioned that it was proposed this year to make a small charge to friends of members using the beach, and acknowledged the services of Mr. E. S. Carter, who had been chiefly responsible for arranging the erection of the bathing shed.

The presentation to Mr. Macleynolds was made by the President, Mr. Toddola Mackintosh said it was a spontaneous act on the part of the members of the Club, who realised how very much indebted they were to Mr. Macleynolds for his services. It had been said that a man had to go away before he was appreciated, and if they did not appreciate the work and personality of Mr. Macleynolds before, they certainly did when he left them for a short while. Mr. Mackintosh expressed the hope that Mr. Macleynolds would continue to serve the Club in the position of Hon. Secretary and asked him to accept a gold cigarette case, not as a farewell gift but as a token of appreciation of all the good work he had done for the Club. The inscription on the case was "T. N. Macleynolds, in appreciation of services rendered Easma, 1924." Mr. Macleynolds added he was not responsible for the inscription, and if he had been consulted he should have added another line: "and in great expectation of services to come." (Applause.)

In his reply, Mr. Macleynolds confessed that he had been absolutely taken by surprise. He had not even heard it whispered that anything of the nature was intended or contemplated, and consequently the unexpectedness and spontaneity of the gift would make him appreciate and value it all the more. The main thing about the Association, he proceeded, was the ideal that they were not quite living up to it. Underneath, however, they would find that the ideal still existed among their five hundred members. Perhaps in some cases it was a little deep, but it was there nevertheless, even if it did not always find expression. He thought they all ought to be proud to belong to the Association. All sorts of people could belong to other clubs, but there was only one sort that could belong to Easma, and those were the fighting men. In conclusion, Mr. Macleynolds said that all he could say was "Thank you." It was not much to say, he assured them that so far as he was concerned it meant a lot. The gift was a token of appreciation for services he had rendered and he should greatly value it (Applause.)

COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

YARN MARKET REPORT.

In their latest report, Messrs. Polishwalla and Kotwall, cotton and yarn brokers, write—

Our last report was issued on April 22, since when our market has experienced no marked change. In the early part of the period the market was in a state of suspended animation, with scarcely any business passing. Latterly, however, influenced by the advance of American cotton, and higher quotations from Bombay, a slight advance was established, resulting in total sales of 2,000 bales only.

The tone at the close may be said to be steady, but with little business passing. Unsold stocks 5,800 bales. Bargains in Chinese hands, 3,000 bales.

Shanghai—An uncertain tone prevails. Japanese Yarn.—Small sales at quotations as follows:—1,500 bales Nagasaki No. 20s. at \$258 to \$265; 1,700 bales Yellow Jess No. 20s. at \$257 to \$260; 300 bales Blue Fish No. 12s. \$243.

Raw Cotton.—No sales. Stock 100 bales Bengal only. Quotations—Bengal \$55 to \$60 per picul, Chinese \$58 to \$66 per picul.

RUBBER MARKET.

LONDON, May 21.

Discussing the sharp decrease in rubber prices below ten pence a pound, the Times says that the market does not appear to be suffering from overproduction, but that the fall again emphasises the need of systematic centralised selling, which would do more than anything else to stabilise prices.—Reuter.

BILLIARDS.

HO KOM TONG CUPS.

Playing in the above handicap at the Palace Hotel last night, Mr. C. Spry (-125) beat Mr. H. Blandin (-170) by 260-53. Highest breaks were:—Spry: 44, 41, 39, 21, 16, 16, 14, 13 (8). Blandin: 27, 22, 20, 19, 19, 17, 16. To-night Mr. H. O. Bulchin -175 meets Mr. A. J. Osmund -325. Game commence 9 p.m.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

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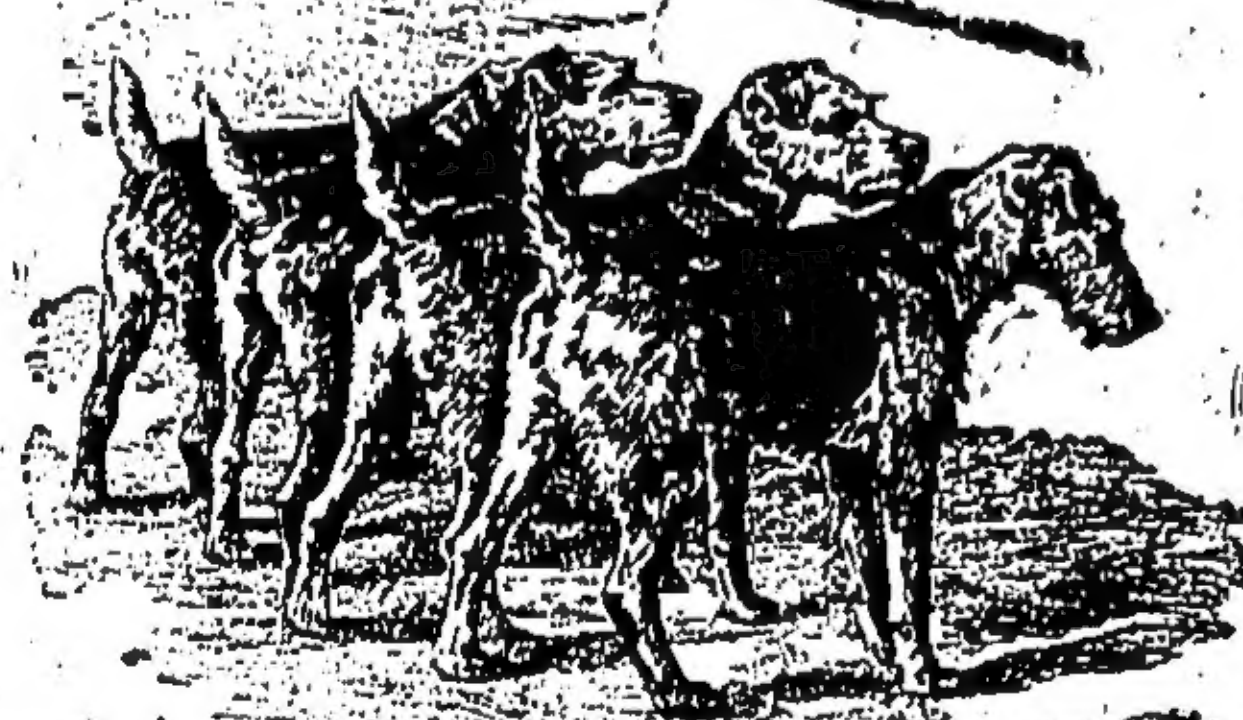
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Miss Hope Hampton, the American film star who is reputed to possess more jewels than any other woman in the world. Our picture shows her at the Zoological Gardens, London, where she tempts one of the inmates with a nut. When she stayed in London with her husband, Mr. Jules Brulatour, a special safe had to be installed in the Millionaires' Wing of their hotel, to keep the jewels.



Sir Richard Gregory, editor of "Nature," a London publication, has pointed out that man is on the threshold of important discoveries, which will revolutionize the world. If used in the wrong way, man will entirely disappear from the earth, causing an international "Frankenstein."



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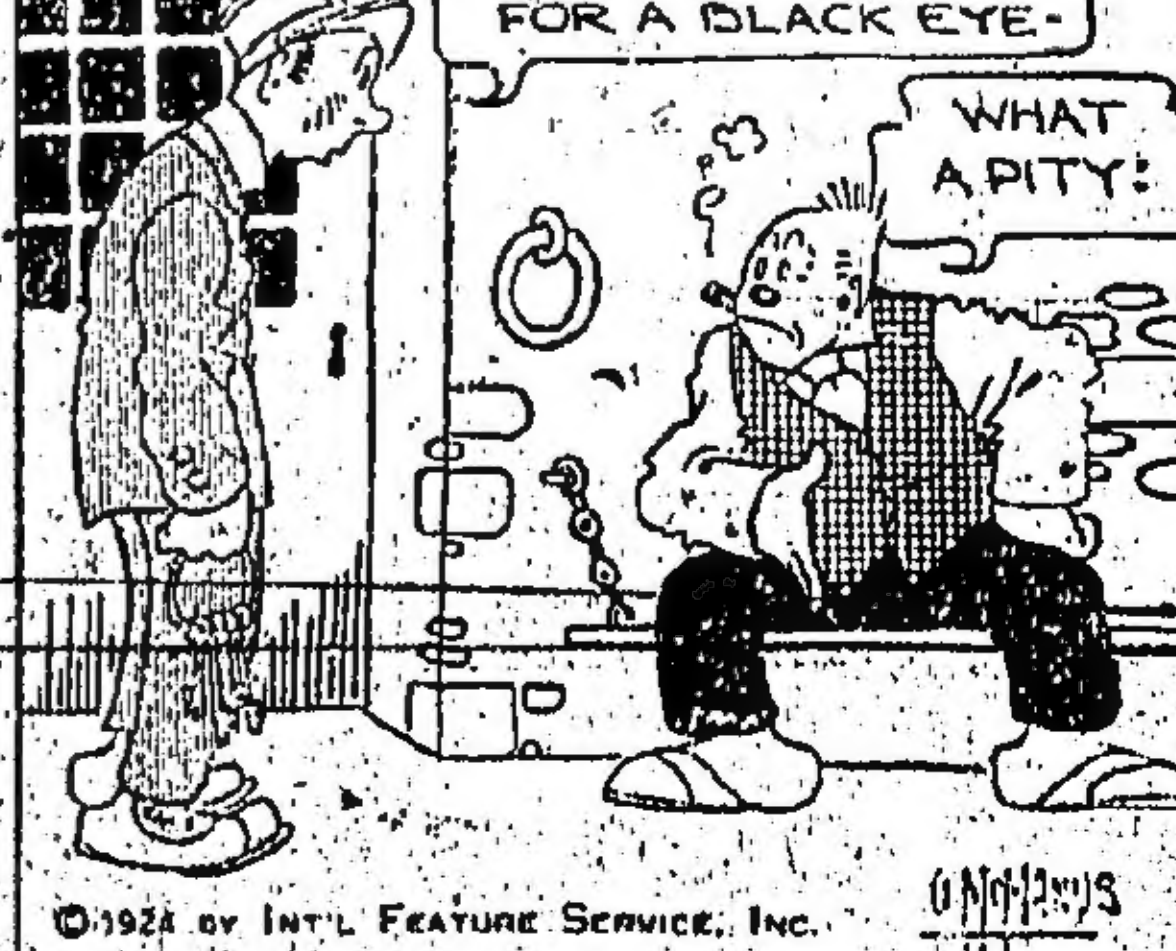
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